

SUBSTITUTE  
ORDINANCE NO. 1385

AN ORDINANCE relating to and regulating sewage disposal systems, establishing a technical advisory committee and amending Sections 1, 4 and 9 Ordinance No. 931 as amended by Ordinance 1139, and amending King County Code 13.08.010, 13.08.040 and 13.08.090.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 931, Section 1 and King County Code 13.08.010 are amended to read as follows:

DEFINITIONS. Certain words and phrases in this ordinance, unless otherwise clearly indicated by their context, shall mean as follows:

APPROVED. Approved in writing by the Director of Public Health.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH: The Director of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health or his authorized representative.

SANITARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM. The piping which conveys sewage from plumbing fixtures to a public sewer or private sewage disposal system.

SEWAGE. Any liquid or liquid-borne waste from the ordinary living processes, or liquid or liquid-borne waste which contains animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution, or liquid or liquid-borne waste which may contain chemical in solution, and which may be lawfully discharged into a public sanitary sewer.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM. Sanitary drainage systems, septic tanks, leaching pits, surface and subsurface leaching filter beds, and appurtenances; or other approved facilities for the disposal of sewage by means other than through a public sewer.

REPAIR. The replacement, addition, or alteration of a septic tank, distribution box, tight line, or other appurtenances to an existing individual sewage disposal system, and including any replacement, addition, or alteration to a subsurface dis-

1 posal field where at least a portion of the original subsurface  
2 disposal field is used. In those instances where no portion of  
3 the existing drainfield or septic tank system is to be used, it  
4 will be considered the same as a new system and will require a  
5 design.

6 RESIDENT OWNER OR INTENDED RESIDENT OWNER. A person who  
7 constructs not more than one residence in any one year for his  
8 own occupancy.

9 SECTION 2. Ordinance 931, Section 4, and King County Code  
10 13.08.040 are amended to read as follows:

11 DESIGNERS CERTIFICATE:

12 1. It is unlawful to engage in business as a sewage dis-  
13 posal system designer without a currently valid sewage disposal  
14 system designers certificate of competency, as provided for in  
15 this ordinance, or a currently valid State of Washington sanitary  
16 or civil engineers license.

17 2. The fee for a sewage disposal system designer's certifi-  
18 cate of competency shall be fifty dollars per year.

19 3. The fee for the sewage disposal system designer's ex-  
20 amination shall be twenty-five dollars payable in advance and  
21 not refundable. Separate, special examinations shall be given  
22 to those licensed designers desiring to design dosing systems  
23 and/or prepare ((plats)) subdivision reports. The fees  
24 for these additional examinations shall be ten dollars each,  
25 payable in advance and not refundable.

26 4. The Director of Public Health may suspend or revoke any  
27 sewage disposal system designers certificate of competency if,  
28 after a hearing, he shall find incompetency, negligence, mis-  
29 representation, or failure to comply with this ordinance or the  
30 rules and regulations of the Director of Public Health adopted  
31 pursuant to this ordinance.

1        SECTION 3. Ordinance 931, Section 9 and King County Code  
2 13.08.090 are amended to read as follows:

3        DESIGN OF SYSTEMS:

4        1. Sewage disposal systems shall be designed by a sewage  
5 disposal systems designer, certificated as provided in this  
6 ordinance, or by a sanitary or civil engineer licensed by the  
7 State of Washington, except that a resident owner, or intended  
8 resident owner may personally design a system for his own single  
9 family residence, provided he designs not more than one system  
10 in any one calendar year. The fee for plan review of the design  
11 shall be ten dollars.

12        2. Design of sewage disposal systems shall be such as to  
13 accommodate all sewage from the buildings and premises to be  
14 served, and in accordance with this ordinance and the rules and  
15 regulations of the Director of Public Health adopted pursuant  
16 to this ordinance. The type of system shall be determined by  
17 location, soil porosity, ground water level and other relevant  
18 conditions.

19        3. After the plumbing stub-out has been installed and prior  
20 to the installation of the sewage disposal system, the designer  
21 shall inspect the site to determine compatibility with his origi-  
22 nal design criteria. Before an installation permit will be  
23 issued, the Health Department shall be notified by the designer  
24 that the pre-installation inspection is acceptable. In the event  
25 the sewage disposal system must be installed prior to construct-  
26 ion of the building, waiver of the plumbing stub-out requirement  
27 may be made.

28        SECTION 4. NEW SECTION. There is added to Ordinance 931,  
29 as amended by Ordinance 1139 and to King County Code,  
30 a new section to read as follows:

31        SEWAGE DISPOSAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

32        There is hereby established a "Sewage Disposal Technical  
33 Advisory Committee", the members of which shall be the Director

of Public Health, ex-officio, and twelve appointive members, one representative of each of the following:

1. Sanitary or Civil Engineer licensed by the State of Washington.
2. Sewage Disposal System Designer holding currently valid Certificate of Competency in King County.
3. Sewage Disposal System Installer holding currently valid Certificate of Competency in King County.
4. Civil or Sanitary Engineer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.
5. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Health, Water and Waste Section.
6. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service.
7. Washington State Department of Ecology.
8. Seattle Master Builders Association.
9. Seattle-King County Board of Realtors.
10. King County Environmental Development Commission.
11. Land surveyor with a Designer's Certificate of competency and a subdivision report permit.
12. Consumer.

Members of the Sewage Disposal Technical Advisory Committee, other than ex-officio, shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Council. Appointments shall be for a term of three years ending December 31 of the third year of such term, subject to reappointment, provided that any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments; and provided further that the term of office for the first members shall be staggered so that four serve for a term ending December 31, 1973, and four serve for a term ending December 31, 1974. Members shall serve without compensation.

The Sewage Disposal Technical Advisory Committee shall

1 organize and elect a chairman and secretary who shall serve at  
2 the pleasure of the members. Such Committee may adopt rules  
3 of procedure for its own government and shall meet at the call  
4 of the Chairman subject to three days written notice to each  
5 member of the time and place of such meeting.

6 The Sewage Disposal Technical Advisory Committee may examine  
7 sewage disposal ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the  
8 Director of Public Health pursuant thereto, make recommendations  
9 thereon and may review and recommend new methods and techniques  
10 of sewage disposal, but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

11 PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the  
12 25th day of September, 1972.

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14 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
15 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

16 *Alvin M. Forzth*  
17 VICE Chairman

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19 ATTEST:

20 *Lee Kraft*  
21 Administrator-Clerk  
22 King County Council

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24 APPROVED this 2d day of October, 1972.

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26 *David Bellman*  
27 King County Executive  
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